



M.S. PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 24390

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SHINITZKY et al.

Serial No.: 09/647,457

Art Unit: 1647

Filed: November 29, 2000

Examiner: Sharon Turner

For: **ASSAY FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA BASED ON A NEW PEPTIDE**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action and Notice to Comply with Sequence Requirements dated December 9, 2003. The one month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 9, 2004. In view of the following remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the Notice to Comply with Sequence Requirements, enter the amendments herein, and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the captioned application as follows: